

## Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority **Work Session – 9:00 A.M.**

Pe Ell VFW/Community Center  
Pe Ell, WA

### **July 19, 2012 - Meeting Notes**

**Board Members Present:** Dolores Lee, Town of Pe Ell; Edna Fund, City of Centralia; Ron Averill, Lewis County Commissioner; Karen Valenzuela, Thurston County Commissioner; Mark Swartout, Town of Bucoda; Frank Gordon, City of Aberdeen; Lionel Pinn, City of Napavine; Ken Estes, City of Montesano; Dan Thompson, City of Oakville

**Board Members Absent:** Vickie Raines, City of Cosmopolis; Terry Willis, Grays Harbor County Commissioner, Chad Taylor, City of Chehalis

**Support Staff:** Jim Kramer, Facilitator; Scott Boettcher, SBGH Partners

**Others Present:** Please see sign in sheet

#### **Handouts/Materials Used:**

- Agenda
- Background Information
- Background Document

#### **1. Call to Order**

Vice Chair Valenzuela called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. She thanked the Town of Pe Ell for hosting the Flood Authority.

#### **2. Introductions**

Self-introductions were made by all attending.

#### **3. Discussion of Amended Consensus Decision-making and Staff Roles**

Mr. Kramer stated the background information document included the work tasks approved by OFM. These tasks are under contract that the Flood Authority will address before July 2013. Also included were staff roles and a proposed amendment to the consensus language. These will be discussed at the morning session and at the business meeting the Board will decide to adopt or not adopt.

#### *III. Proposed Amendment to Consensus Decision-making Process*

Mr. Kramer referred to Page 3, reconfirming the decision to use consensus. The Flood Authority is doing a good job with starting consensus but there should be agreement about how mechanics will be done. Why use consensus? The paper re-states what the Authority agreed to. Flooding is important and indecision will cause problems. The Flood Authority was created to address flooding issues basin-wide. Consensus agreement will result in better solutions and clarify issues for decision makers.

Mr. Kramer's stated he has observed discussions that got started and then people got impatient and started making motions. The recommended process for consensus is the chair introduces the issue and highlights the questions for discussion. All members are given a chance to express their perspective and ask questions and clarify concerns. When all members have had an opportunity to talk, the facilitator or chair will summarize the discussion and articulate a potential decision for the consideration of the

members. If there is no consensus there would be more discussion; in the event of stalemate then a call for a vote may be necessary.

Commissioner Averill stated he considered consensus a voting procedure and not a replacement for Roberts Rules of Order. Not all recommendations before a body come from a facilitator. If he wants to raise an issue then Robert's is the way to do it and then the body discusses it. He was confused by taking what is predominately a voting procedure and replacing Robert's Rules, which is essentially what has been said.

Mr. Kramer stated that was not his intent. He was thinking more about agenda topics. This could be amended to say that any member can raise an issue, then it is summarized and questions asked and the procedure is followed.

Commissioner Averill stated he agreed with that.

Mr. Estes stated there are two non-members who can put a veto on whatever the Authority discusses. We can be 100% thumbs up and the Tribe can stop a decision. Vice Chair Valenzuela stated this is about the conduct of the Flood Authority, not the people outside of the Authority. In this presentation it takes a thumb's up, sideways or down.

There was further discussion about the thumbs sideways. That means partial consensus: the person can live with the decision for the good of the group or process even though it is not his or her perspective.

## *II. Staff Roles*

Mr. Kramer referred to Page 2 of the Background Information document. At the last two meetings, the one in Oakville and the telephone meeting, the Flood Authority approved a new approach to the budget for the year and staff roles that Ms. Fowler had recommended. Mr. Boettcher, Mr. Kramer and Ms. Ligon developed a short statement of job responsibilities and talked it through with Chair Raines and Vice Chair Valenzuela.

Mr. Kramer's role: Facilitator and lead point of contact for decisions needed by the Flood Authority; work with Chair and Vice Chair to facilitate Executive Committee and Flood Authority meetings; responsible for overall staffing interface with the Authority including Executive Committee; lead for internal and external relations in support of Chair, Vice Chair and other Flood Authority members.

Mr. Boettcher's role: Lead staff; responsible for routine administrative tasks and logistical support to Flood Authority and its subcommittees; responsible for work plan development and tracking; researching and developing staff recommendations for issues that will come before the Authority and subcommittees; supported by Mr. Hueckel.

Ms. Ligon's role: Administrative support; responsible for scheduling and coordination support; tracking contract status and expenditures using Lewis County monthly reports.

## *Near Term Staff Tasks*

1. Jobs Now Act Projects: support Authority decisions to advance projects
2. Flood Warning System: gage installation and funding for on-going O & M (Scott)
3. Finalize Anchor QEA on Fisheries Enhancement piece (Scott)
4. Outreach (Jim and Scott)

- a. Chehalis Tribe
  - b. Quinault Indian Nation
  - c. Governor's Office
  - d. Legislative and Congressional Staff
5. Information gathering/processing (Scott and Nancy)
6. Update Project List (Scott)
7. Support flood awareness efforts by three counties (Scott)

Commissioner Averill stated he has no problem with this; it is essentially what we worked out in the contracts that will be discussed later. He noted that Lewis County is also providing staff support through Pat Anderson and Donna Olson, and Lewis County is the fiscal agent.

Vice Chair Valenzuela stated this is our assurance for transitioning from our former consultant to the new one. She assumed this is all within budget.

Mr. Kramer stated it is in the budget. The agreement between Lewis County and OFM was approved with a revised budget that Ms. Fowler recommended and it is basically what the Authority saw before. Contracts for this work are before the Lewis County BOCC next Tuesday.

Commissioner Averill stated the Authority needs to look at the contracts today and make recommendations. Lewis County has been steadfast about not passing something unless the Flood Authority approves it first.

#### *IV. Staff Recommendation for Next Steps for Jobs Now Act Projects*

Mr. Kramer stated that Mr. Boettcher had done a lot of work to get up to speed on the Jobs Now Act and put together a background piece with staff recommendations.

Mr. Kramer spoke with Keith Phillips and Mr. Warnke this morning and the Tribe is sending a signed copy of the Adna project so that can be moved forward for OFM funding. The Tribe is sending a letter with questions about the airport levee; specifically they would like to see hydraulic predictions with Phase I and Phase II. Mr. Karpack has done modeling for Phase II but not for Phase I. There will be a meeting on Monday with Chair Raines and Vice Chair Valenzuela and the Tribe to talk about how the process is going and Mr. Kramer would like information prior to that.

Commissioner Averill stated the background paper shows that \$1.8 million was spent on the levees. That has not yet occurred. Vice Chair Valenzuela stated the \$1,483,974 should be shown as obligated. Mr. Boettcher stated he would change the language.

Mr. Boettcher stated the background document is a reference document and a living document and will continue to move forward. He stated Page 1 is what the legislation actually says. Page 2 shows the five categories of funding and the Adna and Airport levees were specifically identified. Each category shows what has been obligated. The remaining pages capture necessary information that needs to be considered. The Flood Authority needs to study it so questions can be forwarded to the Tribe and OFM.

Mr. Boettcher spoke to Category A, Levees and Dikes. The Jobs Now Act was intended to get boots on the ground and dirt turned. The first two projects, the Airport levee and the Adna Rails to Trails, both meet those intents. They provide jobs, meet flood relief requirements and can be done this fiscal year. Other projects did not meet the criteria and the question was asked if some of the money can be used

for design work. OFM said it can – the funding can be used for design work that will lead to projects. Mr. Boettcher recommended moving forward with the Bucoda levee project. Bucoda has a \$42,000 design that has been identified, work can be done by October or November and that work can lead to budget numbers that can be placed in the capital budget. The project will protect property and the well head.

On other projects that were identified it was not apparent that any of them could complete the design work in time for this year's capital budget. Within the framework from OFM they do not fit that category.

Mr. Swartout, representing Bucoda, stated that the design phase supports 530 hours of work; the construction phase would provide 2010 hours. The cost is for design only; there is no construction cost yet, only how much work it will provide. Mr. Boettcher stated this is helpful because it talks about jobs generated. Anyone helping to populate the reference document should think about this type of information.

Mr. Gordon asked if the other projects would not be considered until 2015 and if Grays Harbor County failed to respond soon enough. Mr. Boettcher stated the Projects Subcommittee worked hard on the master list. From there the request for information had gone out. Aberdeen and Grays Harbor County have not been slow – in an ideal world the template would have been available earlier. Now we are clear on what is needed and you can go back to your people so they know what is needed.

Vice Chair Valenzuela stated it is not too late for some projects to be included. Mr. Kramer stated November 1 is the deadline to get something in the Governor's budget. You can ask to have things inserted. There is more estimated design work than money remaining and there is not enough information from the Authority's standpoint as to what these projects do for flooding.

Commissioner Averill stated there is a legislative process for getting into the Governor's budget. We will have a new governor next year and the budgets will be followed up on. This jobs bill came in after the normal session and there was a big drawing out of the air to come up with numbers. When we get more information and move toward the budget session we may be able to put in placeholders.

Mr. Boettcher summarized the rest of the categories. The Sickman Ford Bridge is a Tribe project and there is nothing for the Flood Authority to do. Category E is improvements to the areas affected by the Satsop River. It is a large-scale flood plain restoration project that had the Corps as a partner at one time. There are a number of questions that cannot be answered relative to protection and benefits and effects. Staff proposes to continue working to flesh out something more concrete for the next meeting.

Commissioner Averill stated this project was originally a 206 Corps project but it exceeded the parameters of the 206 project. The money set aside for this project could be put together with a Corps project if they had funding for it but the government has not funded that pot. This is further along than some other projects and there has been discussion for years about what should be done.

Vice Chair Valenzuela stated this is a good example to ask about the likelihood of carry-over funds to the 2013-2015 budget. Mr. Boettcher stated this is a category that identifies a certain area and that is a good question to keep in mind.

Vice Chair Valenzuela complimented staff on doing the work to keep the Flood Authority moving forward. The gift of \$5 million is clearly a challenge. If the Authority does not use the money or does not use it well the legislators doing the next budget will pull the money. It is important that everything is done and things are kept moving along. She thanked Mr. Boettcher.

Mr. Kramer also complimented Mr. Boettcher on his work. He asked what information is needed that relates to the design work in Category A. There is an estimated \$534,000 for the project plus \$42,000 for design work for Bucoda. We need to provide more information about what these projects do, are there projects to move forward in design and how should the money be distributed? Also, it was decided to hold a special phone meeting every Thursday to move projects forward. There are none booked at this time and Mr. Kramer asked if those meetings should continue or be put on hold.

Commissioner Averill stated regarding the phone meetings, the Authority agreed to be on standby. If there is nothing to discuss the meetings will be canceled. On the other issue, Commissioner Averill did not think the Authority could recommend obligating \$570,000 when it only has \$391,000. We need to do something similar to the first two projects: have a sheet that explains specifically what the scope of the project is and answer key questions regarding downstream and environmental impacts. In the case of the projects for Grays Harbor County some prioritization between the County and jurisdictions is needed. As an outsider it is hard to make those decisions.

Mr. Swartout stated the design contract would be through a PSA with Bucoda. The engineer gave Mr. Swartout the cost and he was pretty sure the figures were accurate and it can be done by October 1. Mr. Karpack was able to give information to determine the cost of the project and he has elevations of the Skookumchuck and the flood elevation from 2009. The question to answer in the design phase is will it protect the well head and pump houses. There was repair done to the levee in 2002 by the Corps and that information will be provided.

Vice Chair Valenzuela stated in addition to the projects called out in the legislation, and because there is not enough money, there is a first come first served basis. Those who get their projects queued up will get their project done first. If the money runs out those projects that didn't get in can be included in the 2013-2015 biennium budget.

## **5. Public Comment**

Mr. Vince Panesko stated he owns a tree farm near where the proposed dam is to be built. He has stated before that there is a risk to the town of Pe Ell if the dam goes in. If the dam fails the town is only two miles away and there would be no time for people to get out. There are dams that are considered high risk and they should be inspected every six years but that is not being done on all of them. Some dams have deficiencies and dam failures occur every couple of years. Over the long term there is a failure to implement funding for proper maintenance. He would like to see something that addresses those risks.

Mr. John Penberth stated he was glad to see the Authority using consensus. It makes each vote equal and it is a good thing for all the citizens that the Board represents.

Ms. Julie Powe stated when she first started attending Flood Authority meetings she was a private citizen. She is disappointed that at the work sessions now people cannot ask questions during the meeting like they could in the past.

Ms. Brenda Novotny thanked everyone for coming to Pe Ell. She likes to see how the Flood Authority works and it is good to understand the process. She was looking forward to the trip to the dam site and she is maintaining an open mind about the dam. There is a long way to go and a lot goes into the process. More information allows for better understanding.

There were no other comments.

## **6. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 10:30.

## Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority

### **Business Meeting – 1:30 P.M.**

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**Board Members Absent:** Vickie Raines, City of Cosmopolis

**Support Staff:** Jim Kramer, Facilitator; Scott Boettcher, SBGH Partners

**Others Present:** Please see sign in sheet

#### **Handouts/Materials Used:**

- Agenda
- Meeting Notes from June 21, June 29, July 12
- Background Information
- Background Reference Document
- Draft Chehalis Basin Flood Mitigation Alternatives Report

#### **1. Call to Order**

Vice Chair Valenzuela called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

#### **2. Introductions**

Self-introductions were made by all attending.

#### **3. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was modified to add a discussion on the contracts after Item 6. The agenda was approved with the change.

#### **4. Approval of Meeting Notes from June 21, June 29, and July 12**

The meeting notes were approved after a correction to the June 21 morning and afternoon meetings which showed Ken Estes representing the city of Aberdeen rather than the city of Montesano.

#### **5. Public Comment**

Mr. Vince Panesko recommended that the Flood Authority hold a workshop on the pros and cons of building a dam. He did not think the people of Pe Ell had enough information about a dam being built that close to the town.

Ms. Brenda Novotny agreed with Mr. Panesko. She stated she did not think the dam was the answer but smaller projects up and down the river would be best [for flood mitigation].

Mr. Dave Muller stated that if the dam project is selected to continue then studies are a major aspect of engineering and design and will be about dam safety; certain things are required for permitting. If hydro is an element it would have to go through both state and federal screening. If hydro is added later it would go through the Army Corps of Engineers. Safety elements will have to be address regardless.

Mr. Al Smith thanked Commissioner Willis for all of her help on the Wishkah Road project.

(Unknown speaker) asked if there was money in the budget to buy out the citizens of Pe Ell if the dam was built. He stated he for one would sell his house if the dam went in.

## 6. Reports

### a. Chair's Report

There was no report from the Chair.

### b. Member Reports

*Thurston County:* Vice Chair Valenzuela stated Thurston County is working on Flood Awareness Week which is scheduled for the third week in October.

*Lewis County:* Commissioner Averill stated Lewis County BOCC approved a Memorandum of Understanding with OFM so the Flood Authority can now spend the money for the rest of the biennium. The Mellen Street interchange project has begun. It is not a Flood Authority project but it will provide some protection to Centralia and will offer unimpeded access to the hospital during flood events. He was asked what the funding source was for that project and he reported it was the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT).

*Centralia:* Ms. Fund reported a demo rain garden has been built. It will take away some water and control some storm water. She stated it is a good place for people to look at plants that don't require a lot of maintenance. More money has been made available for more gardens of this type but it has not yet been utilized.

*Chehalis:* Mr. MacReynold informed everyone that there would be a Civil War re-enactment over the weekend, with the Veteran's Museum participating, and steam train rides.

*Napavine:* Mr. Pinn stated this weekend is the Napavine Fun Time Festival. He stated at the next council meeting the councilors would consider endorsing a letter co-written by the cities of Chehalis and Centralia regarding the project for I-5 flood walls using federal money.

*Montesano:* Mr. Estes stated there will be a historic car show in Montesano this weekend. He stated he missed the last meeting when Ms. Fowler showed the different stages of the river. The ox bow outside of Montesano is about to break through which would cause damage to a business there. He would like the opportunity to bring up that subject today.

*Oakville:* Mr. Thompson stated the Harris Creek culvert construction has started and it is funded. This project will provide flood relief to Oakville and certain surrounding areas.

*Grays Harbor County:* Commissioner Willis stated there would be tours of the newly remodeled courthouse this weekend. Regarding flooding, she has been busy with residents in both the Satsop project and the Kersh project. She will be meeting with Mr. Boettcher to see how to move those to



fruition. Commissioner Willis stated that Representatives Blake and Tharinger are interested in the Kersh project, as well as Senator Hargrove.

Commissioner Willis is interested in working on Flood Awareness week and coordinating with the Flood Authority and Emergency Management.

c. Correspondence

Mr. Kramer stated he received an email from the Chehalis Tribe with approval signatures for the Adna levee project.

d. State Team Report

Mr. Donahue stated he met with Keith Phillips regarding an extension of services through the rest of the year. This request came through Mr. Phillips. Regarding flooding, there is an in-kind participation of early warning that has to do with cameras. There is one camera at the Chehalis Airport situated to look at flood waters as they are rising. This data will be available on the internet. More cameras are being installed this year, mainly for traffic purposes, but they will provide coverage of certain areas in the flood plain.

e. Lewis County PUD Report

No report.

## **6.1 Discussion of Contracts**

Mr. Johnson stated the contracts are for Gordon Thomas Honeywell (GTH), Mr. Kramer, SGBH Partners, WEST and Watershed Science and Engineering (WSE). These contracts cover the work that was previously identified to provide services through the remainder of the biennium. WEST has one more gage to install; Mr. Karpack was assigned to work on additional hydrology and there is money set aside for that. Most of the contracts are straight forward except for WEST's.

Mr. Johnson stated Ms. Fowler's leaving created a hole in administration. The Executive Committee met with Mr. Kramer and Mr. Boettcher to finalize how the administration and clerical needs would be met. The Lewis County BOCC approved those; the funding contract had to be finalized with OFM and that was approved last week. OFM has changed the way they track the deliverables by assigning things to specific tasks since they are performance based. Some things that were approved in the budget do not fit into categories for tracking exactly. Ms. Fowler's work has been split between Mr. Kramer (at \$91,200) and Mr. Boettcher (at \$72,000) and it was decided that Ms. Ligon with GTH would assume some of the clerical and coordination services in a separate contract with GTH for \$1,000 a month not to exceed \$12,000. WSE was asked to do some additional models and cost estimates requiring an additional \$40,000.

WEST's contract has money for gage installation, testing and calibration. Staff is also working on language for WEST so it is not ready for the BOCC. In concept, we could get approval from the Flood Authority to continue, which would be \$67,000 for two tasks.

Commissioner Averill stated part of that is Operations and Maintenance and Representative Hans Dunshee was concerned about the capital budget including O & M. The Authority will not be able to use "testing and calibration" for another two years. It is the Flood Authority's responsibility to pay the O & M costs which means about \$40-50,000 that members of the Authority will have to share. There are

some things in the contract that are not approvable but he would like the Flood Authority to accept it in concept. If we don't get a contract we can't pay WEST.

Vice Chair Valenzuela stated before Lewis County can act on the contracts it needs Authority approval. There are a total of five contracts. She asked if there was further discussion.

Mr. Kramer stated the \$165,000 in Task 7 and the \$10,000 in Task 5 could be put together to total the \$175,000.

There was a thumb's up for all the contracts. Commissioner Averill stated WEST's would be changed and it would go before the Lewis County BOCC.

## **7. Decision on Amended Consensus Process**

There was further discussion of the consensus issue. Commissioner Willis asked if it would become part of the operating rules of procedure. Mr. Kramer stated yes, it would. Mr. Carter confirmed that the rules were not being amended; that the consensus process was being clarified. Mr. Kramer stated there was no amendment.

## **8. Discussion of Ruckelshaus Center Report**

Mr. Kramer stated the purpose of the report was to provide a condensed version of the most important information about flooding in the basin and what is important for people to consider. The report starts with the Executive Summary and describes the problems in the basin, response to flooding, and major projects under consideration. Mr. Kramer tried to put a human face on the issue with stories and pictures. If improvements can be made he'd like to hear them.

Also in the report are the combinations from policy workshops and an alternative perspective to capital projects. The combinations are larger capital projects combined to show what they might do and what the trade-offs could do. All combinations include Skookumchuck levees and there are no cost estimates to compare at this time. WSDOT was asked by the Governor's office to analyze what those combinations do in terms of homes and businesses. One can start to see the pros and cons and how to mix and match to ultimately decide what the recommended priority would be. There is a lot of information in the upper basin because that is where the studies have been done. The imbalance needs to be corrected over time.

Mr. Kramer stated the comment period ends August 10 and all comments would be appended. He asked if the Flood Authority wanted to take action on this report during the comment period.

Vice Chair Valenzuela asked if comments could change the content of the report. Mr. Kramer stated they could. Anything that is received will become part of the record. We will not do a response piece where every comment gets a response but we will seriously look at what needs to be changed in the body of the report.

Commissioner Averill stated when going through the combinations it appears some could be the Jobs Bill items. He had taken a quick look at the report but is hesitant to give a thumb's up at this time.

Ms. Fund asked if there should be a press release to alert the general public that the report is out there. Mr. Kramer stated Ruckelshaus did not budget for public engagement and the Flood Authority may want to consider it. He had not thought about a press release. The Chronicle is writing about it, as well as the

Daily World and they should make it clear where the report can be accessed. Mr. Kramer will contact the reporter at the Olympian.

Discussion followed about the availability of the report and some difficulties people had opening the report. Mr. Boettcher stated he would write a network blurb and give it to the Flood Authority.

Mr. Pinn stated the report is an historic document and it was well done. Vice Chair Valenzuela agreed and thanked the Chronicle for providing the photographs for the report. She also noted that the 2007 and 2009 floods were only 13 months apart, not 18 months apart.

Mr. Kramer suggested making comments as individual jurisdictions and then at the August meeting all of those comments will be included in a full discussion of what the Authority thinks the next steps might be. There was a thumb's up to that discussion. Mr. Kramer asked jurisdictions to respond by August 10; the Flood Authority Board will have until the 16<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Fund stated it would be helpful to have suggestions as to how to improve the report and Mr. Kramer stated he would like more stories.

#### **9. Discussion/Potential Action – Jobs Now Levee Funds**

Mr. Kramer stated at the morning meeting the Authority talked through the staff analysis and recommendations. The Bucoda levee project was discussed regarding cost for design and there is sufficient information to fill out the form so the Bucoda project could be approved and the Chair and Vice Chair authorized to sign.

Work will continue with other projects in the levee category to figure out how to advance design work and come back with recommendations that are at least a couple of weeks out before the Executive Committee is ready to bring them to the Flood Authority meeting. Vice Chair Valenzuela stated if the Authority takes action on the Bucoda levee today there may not be a need for a phone conference next week.

Commissioner Averill stated of the three projects that were approved the Authority had the actual forms except for the critter pads. The members of the Flood Authority have not seen what is on the form and he would like to see them.

Mr. MacReynold would also like to see the forms so everyone knows what the Chair and Vice Chair are signing.

Commissioner Willis would like to know the definition of "design". Is it preliminary design, final design, design for the engineering phase, etc.

Mr. Swartout stated the Bucoda project is a levee that protects the well head and pump stations for Bucoda. Mr. Karpack was able to use LiDAR and run elevations to the 2009 event. The levee needs to be raised 3 feet and add material to the sides. The Town engineer would do the design work and he came up with \$42,000 for design which will be completed well before October 1.

Mr. Swartout stated that the jobs for the design phase would include 530 hours of two peoples' time; engineering and construction: 300 cubic yards for materials, 30 days for construction, 6 people on various machines; gravel pit providing material and 1 person.

Commissioner Willis stated if the Authority approves this, does that description go to the Tribe. What is written down does not match what Mr. Swartout said. Commissioner Averill stated that is why everyone needs to see the form. Also, having seen what the Tribe is asking for on the airport levee the Flood Authority might want to think about mitigation.

Vice Chair Valenzuela stated it appeared that the Authority would need the project described on the form before it can be moved forward.

Mr. MacReynold stated the Authority needs to be consistent about what it is going to require regarding hydrology. He asked if this would be a certified levee. Mr. Swartout stated no.

Mr. Kramer stated he did not see a report on the meeting with the Tribe, OFM and the Governor's office and if there is a difference in the process once it's been accepted. If the Tribe raises a concern does the Flood Authority respond?

Vice Chair Valenzuela stated at the meeting at the Governor's office there was agreement with all parties: The Governor, OFM, Chair of the Flood Authority, Chair of the Tribe and State staff that the purpose of the approval process was to move projects forward. No one said there would be questions about the project. There are two entities that must jointly approve projects.

Mr. MacReynold stated that we as the Authority should be cognizant of that. If we are moving projects forward and if there is an impact we have to have the hydrology done. We need to be consistent with any levee where there might be a negative impact.

Mr. Boettcher stated there are three conversations taking place. 1) How much time is needed to get the information about Bucoda? If he gets it to the Authority by Tuesday afternoon will that be enough time for a conference call on Thursday. 2) The Tribe has asked for supplemental information regarding the airport levee. Should we have a Thursday call about that? 3) The Flood Authority moving projects forward should have consistent levels of analysis.

Mr. Kramer stated Larry Karpack could be asked to provide what the model might predict. Would modeling at Adna provide insight regarding impacts?

Mr. Thompson understands that if a project came up then Mr. Karpack would comment as to whether or not the modeling could predict anything.

It was decided that there would be a telephone meeting on Thursday, July 26 at 11:00 regarding Bucoda and the airport levee. Comments from Mr. Karpack would be provided.

## **10. Expenditure Review**

Mr. Johnson stated once contracts were signed and the bills were paid there would not be much money left. He encouraged everyone to "do more with less."

## **11. Confirm Next Meeting, Topics and Location**

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for Bucoda on August 16. Once again, thanks went out to Dolores Lee, the Town of Pe Ell, Lionel Pinn and the Centralia/Chehalis bus coop.

## **12. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 3:24 p.m.